GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5925
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2003
INEFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF FOODGRAINS
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States are facing problems arising out of excess foodgrains and some States are facing shortage of foodgrains causing starvation deaths;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps initiated by the Union Government for supply of foodgrains to these States and also ensure that such a situation does not recur in the future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a),(b)&(c): No Sir. No starvation death has been reported by any State Government/ Union Territories Administration.

The total stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool is held by FCI in various godowns located through out the country.The requirement of foodgrains of various States/UTs is met from the Central Pool under TPDS, Welfare Schemes etc. as per the approved criteria and guidelines.